

**In the United States District Court
Western District of Michigan**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

BARRY GORDON CROFT, JR.,

Defendant.

Crim. No. 20-183-2

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**MOTION FOR ACCESS TO
DETENTION HEARING EXHIBITS
BY BUZZFEED, INC.**

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE
WITH LOCAL CRIMINAL RULE 12.4**

Under Local Criminal Rule 12.4, counsel for BuzzFeed, Inc., states:

1. On May 12, 2021, I initiated a concurrence conference with the Government and Mr. Croft by email to Assistant United States Attorney Nils R. Kessler and Joshua A. Blanchard.

2. On May 13, 2021, I spoke with Mr. Blanchard by telephone, at which time he explained why he was opposed to the release of the exhibits admitted at Mr. Croft's detention hearing. He agreed, however, to consider the issue further after the Government made its position known.

3. On May 14, 2021, AUSA Kessler notified me by email that the Government concurred in the relief requested. I replied, asking if the Government would voluntarily provide copies of the requested exhibits. This prompted a telephone call, during which AUSA Kessler explained why the Government would not do so without Mr. Blanchard's approval.

4. On May 16, 2021, I emailed Mr. Blanchard, to determine whether he would agree to the release of the exhibits in light of the Government's position. On May 17, 2021, he responded that he declined to concur in the relief request, necessitating the filing of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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